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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN/ARA

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, BR
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HIGH-LEVEL COMMUNICATION

1. DURING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LAST EVENING WHEN HE TOLD ME THAT THE GOB HAD DECIDED TO "TRANSMIT OUR APPEAL" ON THE MERCENARIES TO THE ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES (BRASILIA 5770), SILVEIRA SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY (HE WAS OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY SENT TO ME UNDER DS-4 DATED JUNE 22, 1976, REG. NO. 2713076, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO HIM). SILVEIRA ASKED ME WHETHER I HAD SEEN THE LETTER. I SAID YES. (ALTHOUGH THE LETTER HAD ARRIVED SEALED AND THEREFORE I HAD NOT ACTUALLY SEEN ITS CONTENTS RPT CONTENTS, I DID NOT WANT TO ADMIT TO SILVEIRA THAT I DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE LETTER WAS ABOUT.)

2. SILVEIRA'S REFERENCE TO THE LETTER WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE MERCENARIES, BUT THAT MAY HAVE BEEN COINCIDENCE. AS YOU KNOW, SILVEIRA IS WONT TO CHANGE SUBJECTS ABRUPTLY.

3. BECAUSE SILVEIRA MAY RAISE THE LETTER AT ANY MOMENT AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE EFFICIENT CONDUCT OF OUR
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RELATIONS, I REQUEST THAT I BE SENT, BY RETURN TELEGRAM

IF POSSIBLE, THE TEXT OF THE LETTER. I APPRECIATE, OF COURSE, THAT THE SEALING OF THE LETTER MAY HAVE BEEN INADVERTENT.

4. ALONG THE SAME LINES, SILVEIRA HAS MENTIONED TO ME HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY IN SANTIAGO ON THE QUESTION OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS FOR THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES AND HAS SAID THAT HE WANTS TO PURSUE THE MATTER WITH ME. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD REFERENCES FROM MEMBERS OF SILVEIRA'S CABINET TO THE WIDE-RANGING NATURE OF THE TALKS IN SANTIAGO USUALLY WITH EMPHASIS ON GUYANA. IN ADDITION, SOUTO MAIOR, THE CHIEF OF CABINET, HAS MENTIONED TO THE DCM, IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS ON THE NEXT ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS IN SANTIAGO.

5. I HAVE STILL NOT SEEN ANY ACCOUNT OF THE SANTIAGO CONVERSATIONS. SINCE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY ON AN EFFECTIVE, EVEN SENSIBLE, DIALOGUE HERE WITHOUT KNOWING THE NATURE AND CONTENTS OF THESE VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS, I ASK YOU ALSO TO ASSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S MINUTES OF THE TALKS BE SENT TO ME IMMEDIATELY.
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